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Classified By: Ambassador Clark T. Randt, Jr.
Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Summary: In an October 27 meeting with Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei, the Ambassador urged China to make concrete progress in its upcoming talks with representatives of the Dalai Lama. VFM He responded with standard points that the Dalai Lama's side must stop inciting violence, end support for the Tibetan Youth Congress and cease advocating Tibetan independence. If the Dalai Lama's side can "deliver" on these conditions, VFM He stated, progress will be possible. End Summary.

¶2. (C) During an October 27 meeting with Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei, the Ambassador, drawing on reftel points, urged China to take the opportunity presented by the upcoming talks with representatives of the Dalai Lama to make concrete progress on the Tibet issue. The Ambassador stressed the importance of China reaching an accommodation with the Dalai Lama, who represents a powerful voice of moderation in the exile Tibetan community. Also drawing from reftel, the Ambassador noted that the lack of progress is causing some in the Tibetan community to grow frustrated and impatient.

¶3. (C) VFM He confirmed that the "relevant Central Committee department" (note: A reference to the Chinese Communist Party's United Front Work Department) will meet with representatives of the Dalai Lama "very soon." He noted that this will be the third such talks in 2008 "despite the events of March in Tibet and other events elsewhere." China's policy has been consistent. For progress to occur, the Dalai Lama's side must desist from inciting violence, must stop support for the Tibetan Youth Congress (TYC) and restrain the TYC's "violent terrorist actions," and must stop support for Tibetan independence. He said he hoped the Dalai Lama's representatives can "deliver" on the above conditions. If they can, VFM He asserted, there can be progress in the talks.

¶4. (C) The Ambassador reiterated that Chinese leaders should show flexibility and work constructively with the Dalai Lama's representatives to achieve measurable results.

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